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JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, December 7, 2009
Town Hall Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Maurice Blanchette, Laurie Burstein, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard, Lori Spielman, Ronald Stomberg and John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk: Diane McKeegan; Mary Blanchette and family; Robert Burstein and family; Ted Graziani and family; Board of Education: Gary Blanchette; Finance Officer: Nicholas DiCorleto; Ellington High School Students; Hartford Courant Reporter: Larry Smith; and interested citizens

Prior to calling the meeting to order Diane McKeegan administered the Oath of Office to the Board of Selectmen.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Blanchette called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:50 p.m.

II. ORGANIZATION OF 2009 – 2011 BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A. First Selectman's Remarks:

First Selectman Blanchette welcomed the new Board of Selectmen and made the following comments: "We could hardly start at a more difficult time. The Federal government is strapped for money but willing to mortgage our future to look good in the present. The State is working on ways to cut back on promises made for the current year, and expectations for next year are not good. The good news for this Board is that we can hardly do worse. I expect that our term will be one of difficult decisions, of looking for ways to live within very limited means until the economy picks up, and of postponing even important needs to a better time. However, I hope that together we will plan for that future by working on the preliminaries for such programs as an expanded senior program, an increase in needed school classrooms and renovations of Crystal Lake School, a satellite fire station in the Windermere area, growth in our open space program, and for other recommended improvements to our Town. I trust that we will continue to adequately maintain our infrastructure, to plow our roads, to provide for the safety of our citizens, to educate our children, and to address items of common local concern as they materialize. As a Board, we must develop the public's trust in our actions in order to gain support for our goals. I expect that we will not always agree on the goals or the methods to reach those goals. However, I expect to petition all the members to agree to disagree agreeably, and honestly. Let us show each other the respect that the voters showed each of us by putting us here."

B. Election of Deputy First Selectman:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED [ABSTAINED: PRICHARD] TO APPOINT JAMES PRICHARD AS DEPUTY FIRST SELECTMAN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN.

C. Agenda Format/Rules of Procedure:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND AGENDA FORMAT PROPOSED IN THE MEMO SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DATED DECEMBER 1, 2009. **(ATTACHED)**

Mr. Miller requested that policies made by the previous BOS be distributed to the current members.

D. Appointment of Secretary:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT LOUANN CANNELLA AS SECRETARY AND MARIE SAUVÉ AS DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN.

E. Appointment of Selectmen Committees:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SELECTMEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009-2011, AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN. **(ATTACHED)**

F. Appointment of Selectmen Liaisons/Reps to Boards, Commissions and Agencies:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SELECTMEN LIAISON/REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009-2011, AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN. **(ATTACHED)**

G. Appointment of Representatives to Permanent Building Committee:

1. Board of Finance:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JOE WEHR, AS THE BOARD OF FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE TO DECEMBER 5, 2011.

2. Board of Education:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT GARY BLANCHETTE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE TO DECEMBER 5, 2011.

3. Planning and Zoning Commission:

No recommendation has been received to date from the Planning and Zoning Commission. This item was postponed to a future meeting.

- H. Appointment of Representatives to Shared Services:
 - 1. Board of Finance (BOF):

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT MARK JOYSE, AS THE BOARD OF FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION TO DECEMBER 5, 2011.

- 2. Board of Education:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT DAN KEUNE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION TO DECEMBER 5, 2011.

- I. Appointment of PZC Representative to Ad Hoc Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee:

No recommendation has been received to date from the Planning and Zoning Commission. This item was postponed to a future meeting.

- J. Appointment of BOF Representative to Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee:

Mr. Blanchette noted that the BOF has requested that Michael Varney serve as both the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) Representative and the BOF Representative on the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee. Currently, membership on the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee requires two members from the BOF and two members from the EVFD. Representatives from EVFD include Michael Varney and Robert Levandoski; the representative from BOF is Robert Clements. Since Mr. Varney is also a BOF member, the BOF felt he could serve a dual role.

The BOS expressed concern that the dual role would be confusing. Mr. Varney was appointed by the BOS as an EVFD representative; however, if EVFD wanted to recommend another member, then the BOS would change Mr. Varney's representation to the Board of Finance. At this time, the BOS decided to leave the BOF representative position vacant.

- K. Appointment of Town Attorney:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT ATHERTON B. RYAN AS TOWN ATTORNEY FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2011, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN.

- L. Appointment of Special Counsel – Town:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT ATTORNEY PATRICK McHALE OF KAINEN, ESCALERA AND McHALE, P.C., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2011 FOR ALL LABOR MATTERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN.

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT THE FIRM OF DAY PITNEY, LLC FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2011 FOR ALL BONDING MATTERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN.

M. Appointment of Special Counsel – Board of Education:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF SIEGEL, O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK, P.C., FOR SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS, LABOR RELATIONS/PERSONNEL AND OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES AND THE LEGAL SERVICES OF SHIPMAN AND GOODWIN FOR MATTERS INVOLVING SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR 2009-2011, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

N. Board of Selectmen 2010 Meeting Schedule:

MOVED (TURNER) SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AS PRESENTED IN THE DRAFT. **(ATTACHED)**

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (MILLER) SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOS AT 8:14 P.M.

Submitted by Marie Sauvé Approved by Maurice Blanchette
Marie Sauvé Maurice Blanchette

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MEMO

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Maurice Blanchette, First Selectmen-Elect

Subject: Organizational Meeting – December 7, 2009:
Proposed Agenda Format and Procedures for Board of Selectmen Meetings

Date: December 1, 2009

Following is a proposed Agenda format for the Board of Selectmen's Meetings:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizens' Forum (concerning matters **not** already on the agenda)
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Administrative Reports
- VII. Selectmen Committee Reports
- VIII. Selectmen Liaison Reports
- IX. First Selectman's Reports
- X. Correspondence
- XI. Adjournment

If Executive Session is needed it would follow Item X – Correspondence.

Special Meetings of the Board of Selectmen may be called by the First Selectman or by any member of the Board of Selectmen through the First Selectman's Office.

Robert's Rules of Order will be used as a guideline in the general conduct of the Selectmen's meetings.

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RECOMMENDATION

2009-2011 Board of Selectmen

Selectmen Committees	
Auditing:	Burstein, Spielman, Turner
Capital Improvements	Stomberg, Miller, Spielman
Deferred Compensation: First Selectman , BOF Chair, IAB Chair	Blanchette, Clements, Kubas
Personnel:	Prichard, Burstein, Spielman
Personnel Policies:	Blanchette, Miller, Prichard
Town Ordinances:	Stomberg, Miller, Turner
Town Policies:	Stomberg, Prichard, Turner

RECOMMENDATION

Selectmen Liaison Assignments	
Board of Finance	Blanchette
Board of Education	Miller
Conservation Commission	Burstein
Crystal Lake Fire Department	Stomberg
Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee	Turner
Economic Dev. Commission	Prichard
Ellington Fire Department	Turner
Ellington Volunteer Ambulance	Turner
Hall Memorial Library	Burstein
Housing Authority	Miller
Human Services	Burstein
Inland/Wetlands Agency	Prichard
Insurance Advisory Board	Spielman
Parks & Recreation	Spielman
Planning & Zoning	Prichard
WPCA	Spielman
Zoning Board of Appeals	Stomberg

Selectmen Representatives - (Voting Member)	
Permanent Building Committee [2-yr. term] 1-BOS, 1-BOF, 1-BOE, 1-PZC	Stomberg
Shared Services Commission [2-yr. term] 1-BOS, 1-BOF, 1-BOE	Miller
Emergency Services Evaluation Committee [Ad Hoc] 2-BOS, 2-BOF, 2-EVFD, 2-CLFD, 2-EVAC, 1 EM	Turner, Burstein
POCD Implementation Committee: [Ad Hoc] 1-BOS, 2 PZC, 1-BOF, 1-CC, 1-EDC, 1-WPCA	Spielman

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2010 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the Town Hall Meeting Hall, except where indicated in *italics*.

JANUARY

11 (Monday) Regular Meeting
25 (Monday) Capital Improvements

FEBRUARY

8 (Monday) Regular Meeting
16 (Tuesday) **BOS Capital Improvements Presentation to BOF**
22 (Monday) Budget Meeting

MARCH

8 (Monday) Regular Meeting
23 (Tuesday) **BOS Budget Presentation to BOF**

APRIL

13 (Tuesday) **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, 8:00 p.m. at Ellington High School**
26 (Monday) **REGATTA PUBLIC HEARING at Crystal Lake School**
followed by Regular Meeting of BOS

MAY

11 (Tuesday) **ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING, 8:00 p.m. at Ellington High School**
17 (Monday) Regular Meeting

JUNE

21 (Monday) Commission Members Recognition Program followed by Regular Meeting of BOS

JULY

19 (Monday) Regular Meeting

AUGUST

16 (Monday) Regular Meeting

SEPTEMBER

20 (Monday) Regular Meeting

OCTOBER

18 (Monday) Employee Recognition Program followed by Regular Meeting of BOS

NOVEMBER

15 (Monday) Regular Meeting

DECEMBER

13 (Monday) Regular Meeting